

*Welcome!*



1 CORINTHIANS

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# Foundations for Christ's Church

1) Jesus will be Lord- verse 2

# 1 Corinthians 1: 2 (ESV)

*To the church of God that is  
in Corinth, to those  
sanctified in Christ Jesus,  
called to be saints together  
with all those who in  
every place call upon the  
name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, both their Lord  
and ours:*

# Foundations for Christ's Church

- 1) Jesus will be Lord- verse 2
- 2) Unified in headship- verses 11-13

# 1 Corinthians 1: 11 (ESV)

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*For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.*

# 1 Corinthians 1: 12 (ESV)

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*What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.”*

# 1 Corinthians 1: 13 (ESV)

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*Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?*

# Foundations for Christ's Church

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- 3) United in purpose- verse 17

# 1 Corinthians 1: 17 (ESV)

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*For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.*

# Foundations for Christ's Church

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- 4) Unified message- verses 18-21
  - 1) The Cross

# 1 Corinthians 1: 18 (ESV)

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*For the word of the cross  
is folly to those who are  
perishing, but to us who are  
being saved it is the power  
of God.*

# 1 Corinthians 1: 18 (NLT)

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**The message of the cross**  
*is foolish to those who are  
headed for destruction! But  
we who are being saved  
know it is the very power of  
God.*

Question?

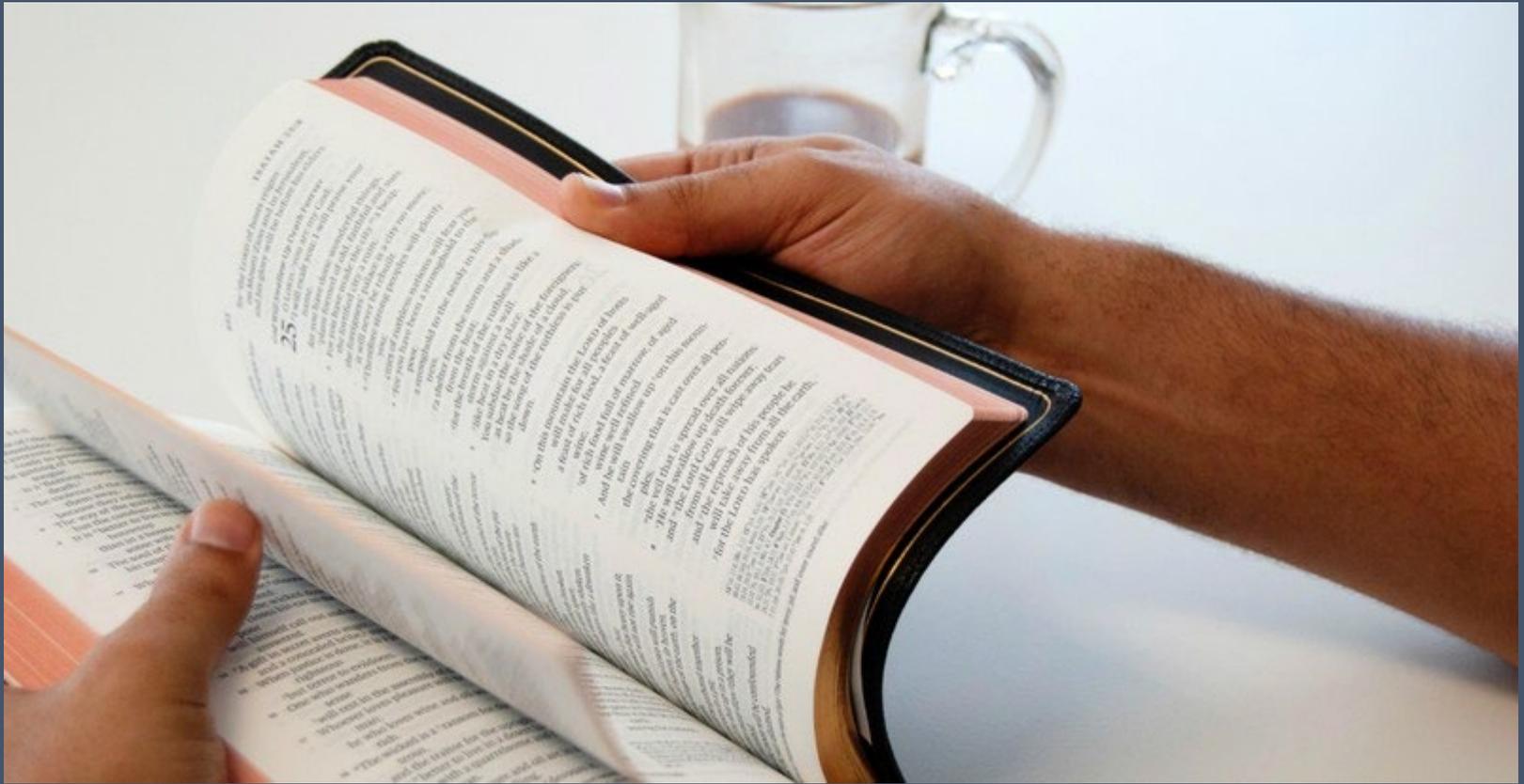
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What is the message of the  
cross?

Question?

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Why is the message of the  
cross foolish to those  
headed for destruction?



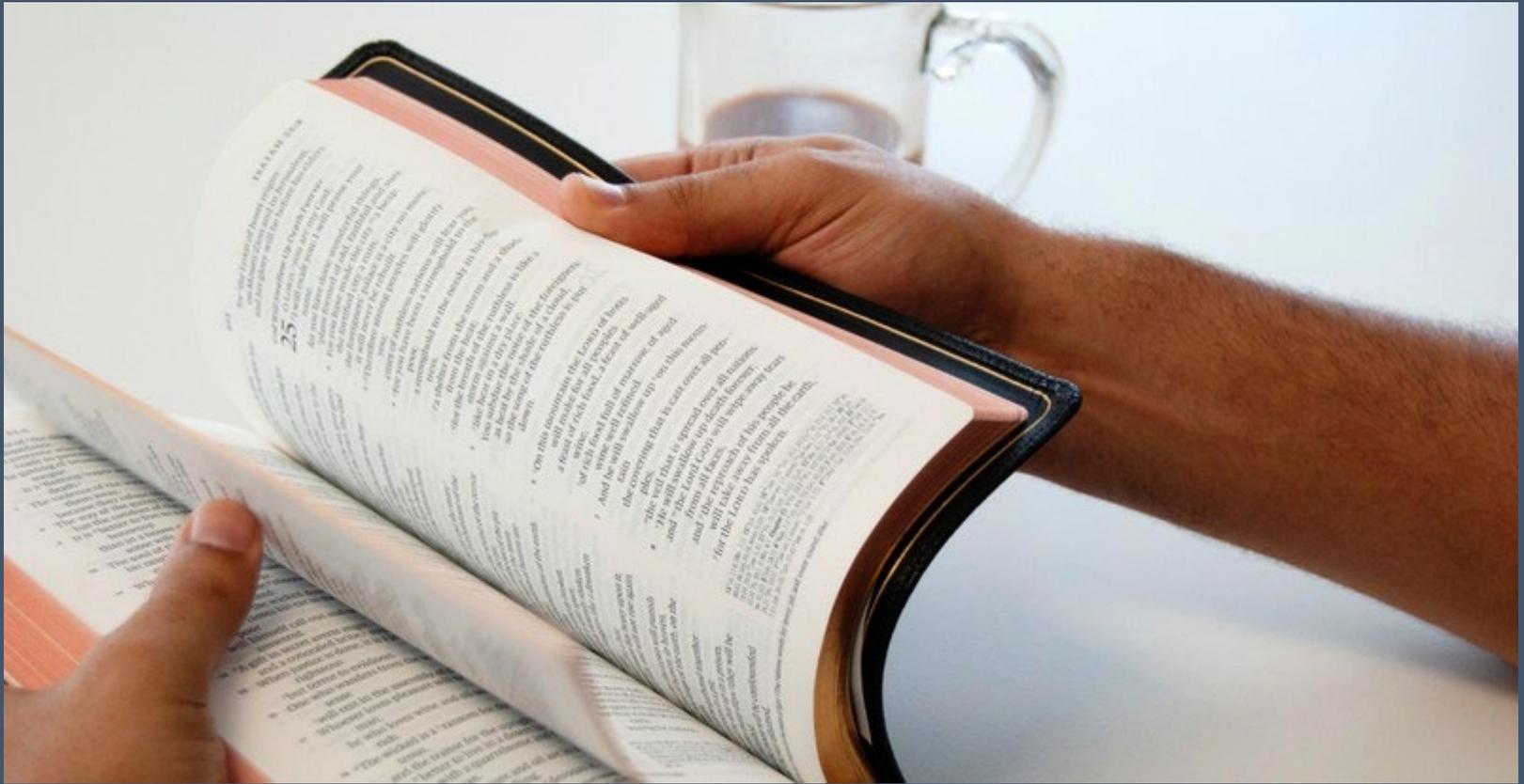
Please turn to:  
Romans 1: 18

# Romans 1: 18 (ESV)

*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.*

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- 3) United in purpose- verse 17
- 4) Unified message- verses 18-21
  - ✓ The Cross
  - ✓ Salvation



Please turn to:  
Romans 1: 16

# Romans 1: 16 (ESV)

**For I am not ashamed of  
the gospel, for it is the  
power of God for  
salvation to everyone who  
believes, to the Jew first and  
also to the Greek.**

# 1 Corinthians 1: 19 (ESV)

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*For it is written,*

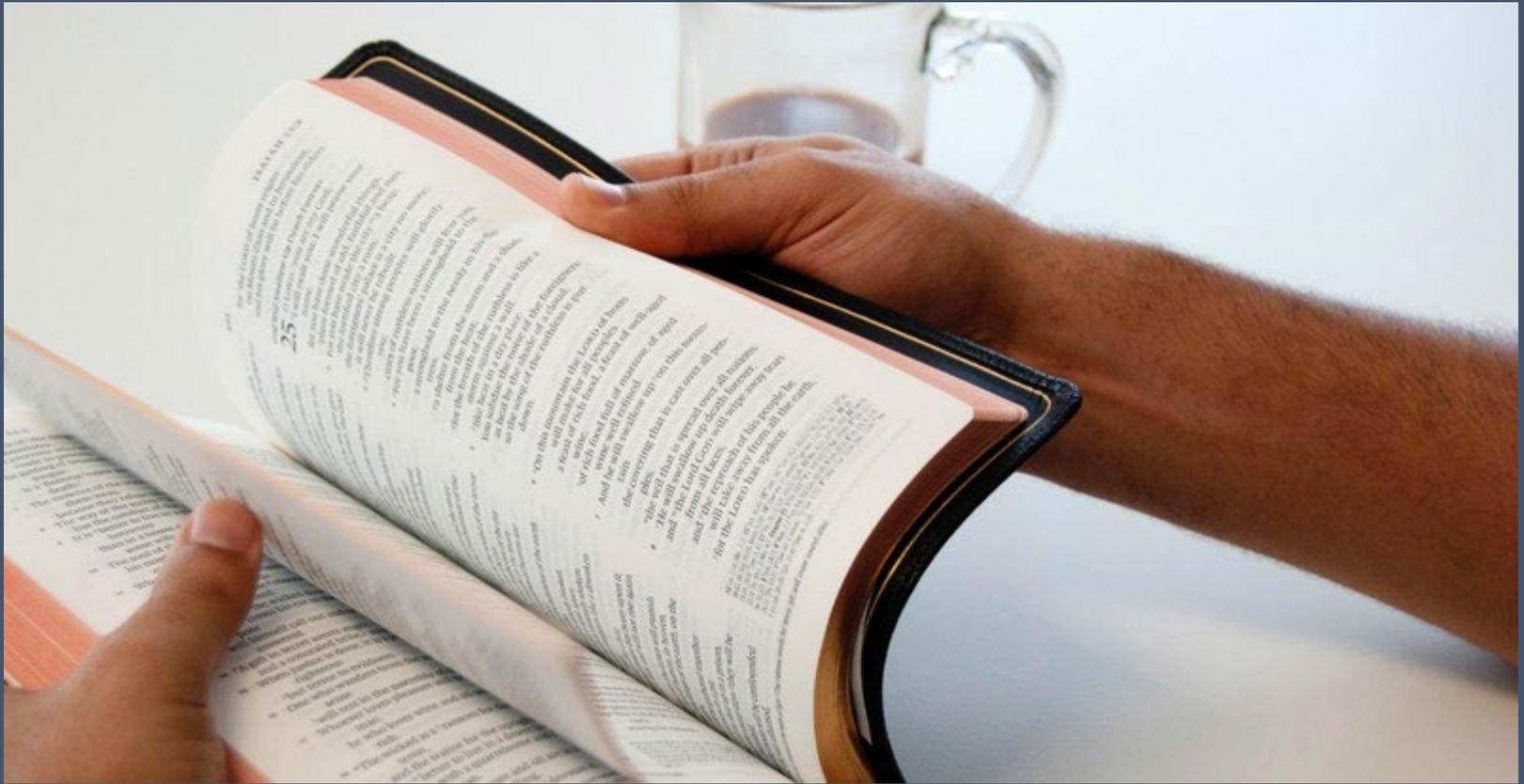
*“I will destroy the wisdom of  
the wise,  
and the discernment of  
the discerning I will thwart.”*

# 1 Corinthians 1: 19 (NIV)

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*For it is written:*

*“I will destroy the wisdom of  
the wise;  
the intelligence of the  
intelligent I will frustrate.”*



Please turn to:  
Isaiah 29: 14-15

Isaiah 29: 14 (NIV)

*Therefore once more I will  
astound these people  
with wonder upon  
wonder;  
the wisdom of the wise will  
perish,  
the intelligence of the  
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# 1 Corinthians 1: 20 (ESV)

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*Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?*

Question?

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Who is the wise in our  
society today?

# Question?

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Who is the scribe in our society today?

Hint: a scribe was an ancient Jewish record-keeper or, later, a specialist in the law, a jurist.

Question?

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Who is the debater in our  
society today?

Question?

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Has academia, courts and politicians had an impact on our society?

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Question?

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Can you give examples of  
wisdom of the world?

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## Story at a glance

- **A high school freshman is suing his school after he was suspended for telling another student there are “only two genders.”**

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- **The school found he had violated its policy on gender identity and pronouns, which states a student has the right to be identified by the name and pronoun of their choice.**

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- **The lawsuit was filed Nov. 4 by the Christian organization Cornerstone Action.**

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A New Hampshire high school student is suing his school district for reportedly suspending him from playing football after he said there are “only two genders.” His lawsuit also aims to prohibit the school from enforcing a policy related to gender-nonconforming students.

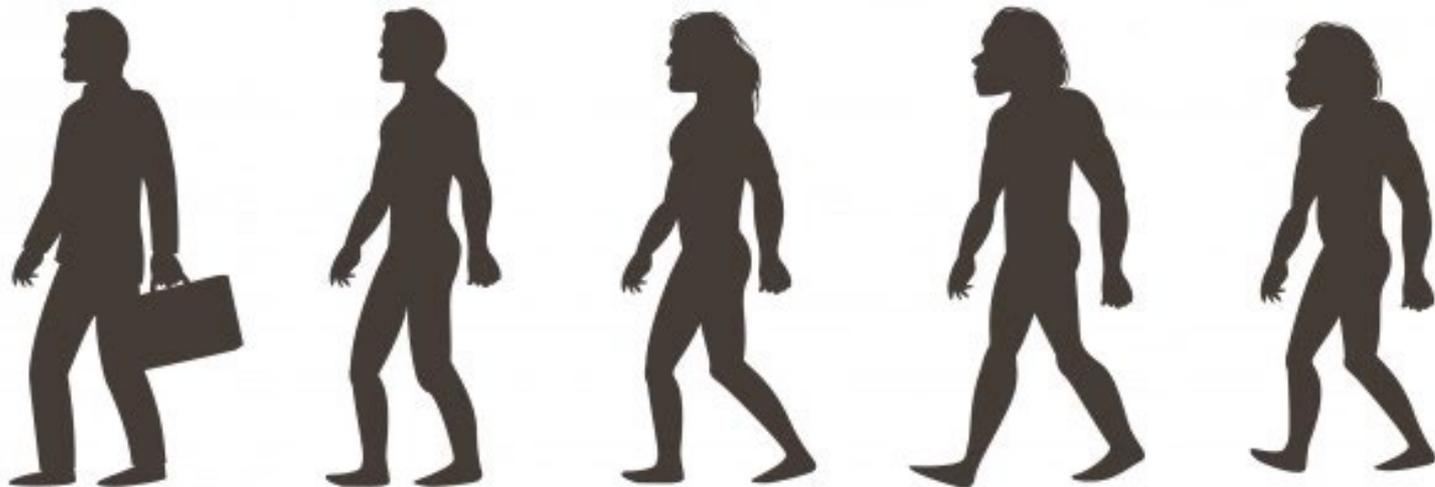
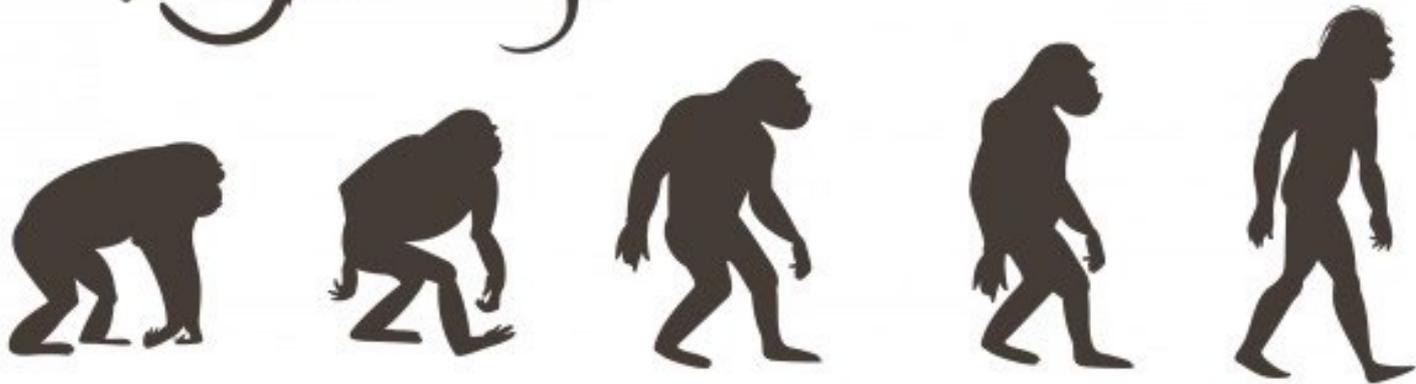
The Exeter High School freshman claims he received a one-game suspension from the school’s football team after he wrote text messages to another student off school grounds that he believes just two genders exist: male and female, [the Portsmouth Herald reported](#).

# List of genders

- Agender
- Androgyne
- Androgynous
- Bigender
- Female to Male
- FTM
- Gender Fluid
- Gender Neutral
- Gender Nonconforming
- Gender Questioning
- Gender Variant
- Genderqueer

- Intersex
- Intersex Man
- Intersex Person
- Intersex Woman
- Male to Female
- MTF
- Neutrois
- Non-binary
- Pangender
- Polygender
- Trans
- Trans Man

- Trans Person
- Trans Woman
- Transfeminine
- Transgender
- Transgender Female
- Transgender Male
- Transgender Man
- Transgender Person
- Transgender Woman
- Transmasculine
- Two-Spirit



# A FETUS IS NOT A BABY!

The following is based on "What is an Abortion and Why Women Must Have the Right to Choose," by A.S.K., in Revolutionary Worker [now Revolution] Issue #1265, January 23, 2005.

Is it true that a fetus is a form of life? Of course it is. It is made up of live cells, it is growing and processing energy, it has the capacity to mature and reproduce, it has a genetic system and so on.

Will an abortion destroy this form of life? Yes, absolutely.

Well then, isn't an abortion killing another human being? No, absolutely not.



Above: Placenta

5 Even at the end of the second trimester a fetus cannot survive outside the woman's uterus without special medical measures. Its brain is still very unformed. Its lungs are not ready to take in air. It is still very much a part of the woman's body and completely dependent on her bodily processes. It is not a human being until it is born, and takes its first breath.

6 Pregnancy is not some mysterious event guided by outside forces either. It is part of the normal processes of the woman's body. And, the choice of whether or not to carry an embryo or fetus to term, or to have an abortion, belongs to the woman. A woman has no moral obligation to carry a fetus to term simply because she gets pregnant. A woman who chooses at whatever point and for whatever reason to terminate a pregnancy, should feel fine about doing so and should be able to.

When it comes to abortion, there really is only one moral question: Will women be free to determine their own lives, including whether and when they will bear children, or will women be subjugated to patriarchal male authority, whether it comes down at the hand of another person or the church or the government, and forced to breed against their will?



Several day embryo clump of cells

1 A fetus is not yet a human being. It is nothing but a clump of cells with the potential to become a human being. It is "alive," but that is also true of all the other cells in a woman's body. It has no life of its own yet. It is not yet a separate life from the life of the woman in whose uterus it is.



Five week embryo

2 The anti-abortionists carry big signs showing fetuses floating around in a woman's uterus, as if they are totally separate from women. But contrary to how they portray things, an embryo or fetus can't survive on its own. It gets oxygen from woman's blood, excretes waste through the woman ... And this is true until the fetus is born and becomes a baby. It is no more an independent human being than any other organ or part of a woman's body.



Above: Ten week fetus

3 90% of abortions take place in the first trimester. (first three months). Three weeks into the pregnancy, the whole embryo is still only about 2 mm (2 millimeters) long, or about the size of the letter "o."

4 By the third month of pregnancy the embryo, now called a fetus, starts to look a little more "human" as it grows arms, legs, sex organs, fingers, and toes. It is undergoing a lot of changes, but inside, its internal organs, muscles, skeleton, and nervous system are still very undeveloped. The whole thing is still only about 25 mm long, or about this long: oooooooooooooo

From the challenge issued in "A Declaration: For Women's Liberation and the Emancipation of All Humanity," *Revolution* #158, March 8, 2009.

Taking up the fight for women's liberation as an essential part of the emancipation of humanity as a whole...

Building powerful and uncompromising resistance to every assault on women today...

Modeling a whole different and emancipatory morality, rooted in the goal, and struggle, to uproot all forms of exploitation and oppression...

Digging into and taking up the radical and truly liberating science of communism, which has been advanced by this Party and its leader, Bob Avakian...

All this is the responsibility—and the opportunity—of everyone who craves a different world.



## ABORTION ON DEMAND AND WITHOUT APOLOGY!

# A Florida felony: Woman faces charge for disturbing sea turtle nest. Here's why it's illegal.

*It goes against human nature to ignore a struggling animal, but beachgoers should not touch sea turtles or help them reach the water, experts say.*

**Katherine Kokal** Palm Beach Post

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## Sea turtle hatchling makes its way to the ocean

Video: A sea turtle hatchling struggles to climb over seaweed on the beach as it tries to find its way to the ocean in Palm Beach County, Florida. *Sandy Nortunen, Special to the Palm Beach Post*

## Moving sea turtle eggs can kill the embryo inside

About 24 hours after a sea turtle egg is laid, the embryo inside connects to the egg, said Justin Perrault, the director of research at [Loggerhead MarineLife Center](#) in Juno Beach. If a person or animal either rotates or moves the egg, the embryo can detach from the egg.

That causes death to the embryo living inside, Perrault said.

"After 24 hours, there should be no movement of eggs," he said, adding that if the MarineLife Center has to relocate a sea turtle nest, trained staff members must relocate the eggs in the first 24 hours after they've been laid.

This complicates public perceptions, especially during high tides and storms.

"Around storms, a lot of people see the turtle eggs rolling around in the surf and want to re-bury them. But at that point, it's futile, because the eggs are already dead," Perrault said.



## IC 35-42-1-6 Feticide

Sec. 6. A person who knowingly or intentionally terminates a human pregnancy with an intention other than to produce a live birth or to remove a dead fetus commits feticide, a Level 3 felony. This section does not apply to an abortion



## Tips for raising a transgender child

June 26, 2019 Guest Writer

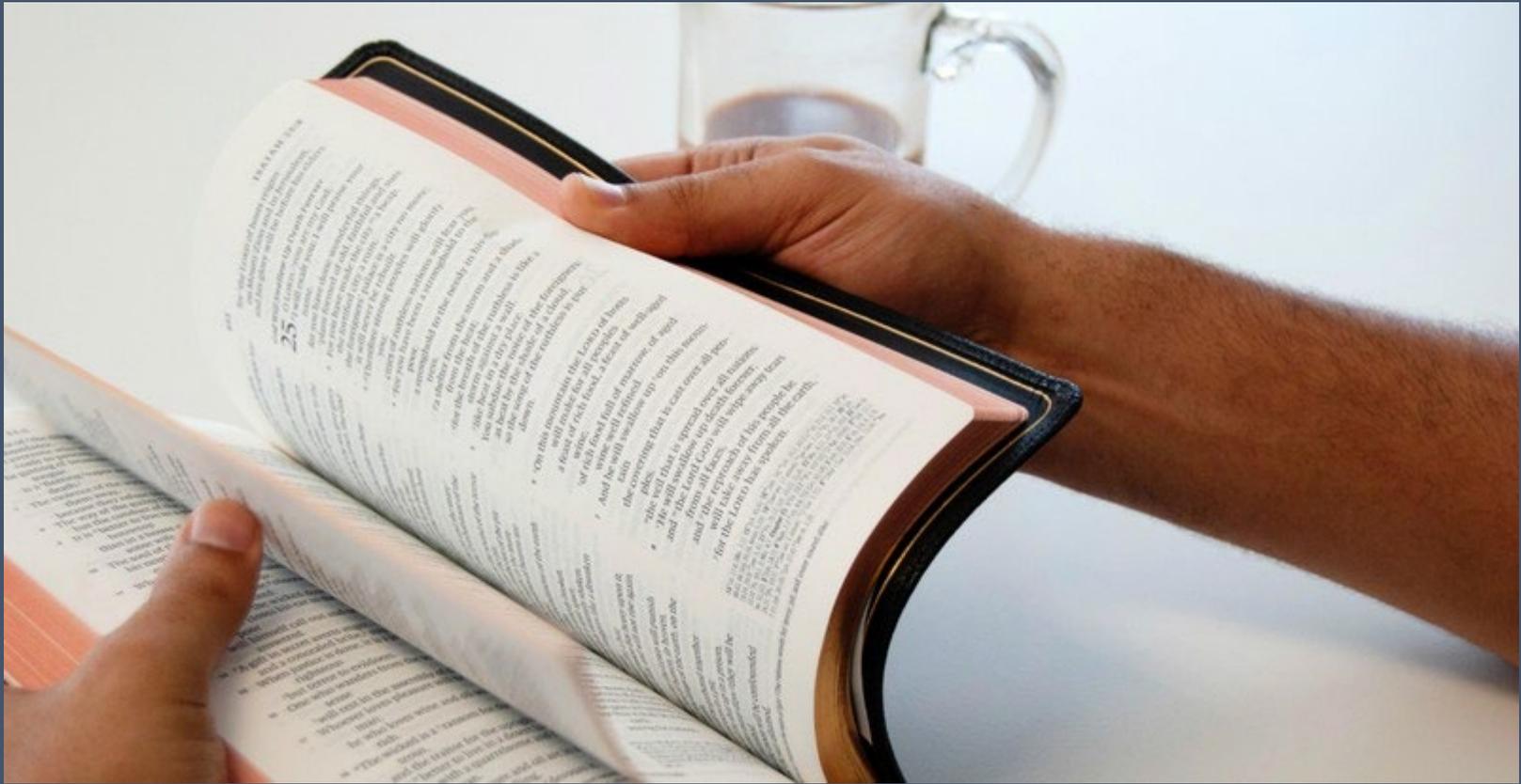


“When I grow up, I want to be a girl.”

Question?

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Why does the wisdom of the world see the Truth as foolishness?



Please turn to:  
2 Corinthians 4: 3-5

## 2 Corinthians 4: 3-4 (ESV)

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*And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers,*

## 2 Corinthians 4: 3-4 (ESV)

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*to keep them from seeing the  
light of the gospel of the  
glory of Christ, who is the  
image of God.*

# 1 Corinthians 1: 20 (ESV)

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*Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?*

# 1 Corinthians 1: 21 (ESV)

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*For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.*

The message + preaching  
leads to salvation to those  
who believe!

# 1 Corinthians 1: 22 (ESV)

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*For Jews demand signs  
and Greeks seek wisdom,*

Question?

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What does it mean to  
demand signs?

Question?

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What does it mean to seek  
wisdom?

# 1 Corinthians 1: 23 (ESV)

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*but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,*

Question?

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Why is the message of the cross a stumbling block to the Jews?

Question?

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Why is the message of the cross folly to the Gentiles?

# 1 Corinthians 1: 24-25 (ESV)

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*but to those who are called,  
both Jews and Greeks,  
Christ the power of God and  
the wisdom of God. 25 For  
the foolishness of God is  
wiser than men, and the  
weakness of God is stronger  
than men.*

# 1 Corinthians 1: 26 (ESV)

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*For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.*

Question?

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Does that describe you?

# 1 Corinthians 1: 27-28 (ESV)

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*But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,*

Question?

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Why does God use normal,  
everyday people in the  
Church to lead the world to  
Christ?

# 1 Corinthians 1: 29-31 (ESV)

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**so that no human being  
might boast in the  
presence of God. And  
because of him you are in  
Christ Jesus, who became to  
us wisdom from God,**

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Question?

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What does it mean to boast  
in the Lord?

# 1 Corinthians 2: 1 (ESV)

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*And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom.*

Question?

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What is Paul saying here?

# Question?

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Paul is making a point here,  
so what do you think he is  
addressing with this church  
in Corinth?

Question?

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Do we see the same thing in  
churches today?

Question?

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What should a preacher  
know?

# 1 Corinthians 2: 2 (ESV)

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*For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.*

## Matthew Henry Quote

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“To make a show of no other knowledge than this, to preach nothing but the gospel of the cross, the gospel of Jesus Christ that is: in his person and office, Jesus Christ is the sum and substance of that gospel”

## Matthew Henry Quote

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“And so ought to be the great subject of the gospel minister’s preaching. His business is to display the banner of the cross, and invite his listeners to gather under it.”

# 1 Corinthians 2: 3 (ESV)

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*And I was with you in  
weakness and in fear and  
much trembling,*

Question?

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What does this tell us about Paul?

Question?

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What can we learn from  
this?

# 1 Corinthians 2: 4 (ESV)

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*and my speech and my  
message were not in  
plausible words of wisdom,  
but in demonstration of the  
Spirit and of power,*

# Question?

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Since Corinth was an academic city of great learning, what is Paul saying we should put our faith in?

# 1 Corinthians 2: 5 (ESV)

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*so that your faith might not  
rest in the wisdom of men  
but in the power of God.*

Question?

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What happens when our  
faith is put in the wisdom of  
men?

Question?

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What wisdom should we be seeking?

# 1 Corinthians 2: 6 (ESV)

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*Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.*

# 1 Corinthians 2: 7 (ESV)

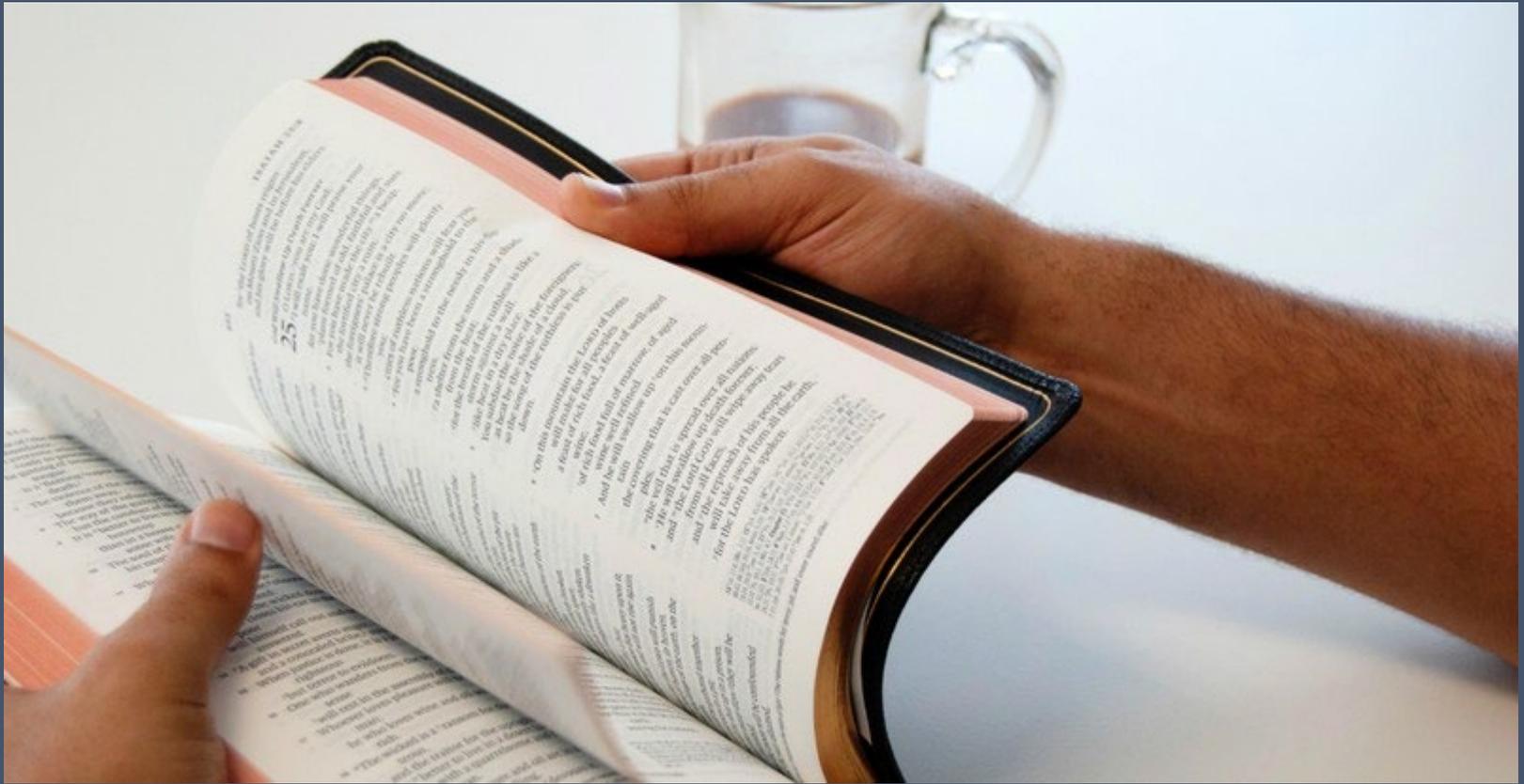
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*But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.*

Question?

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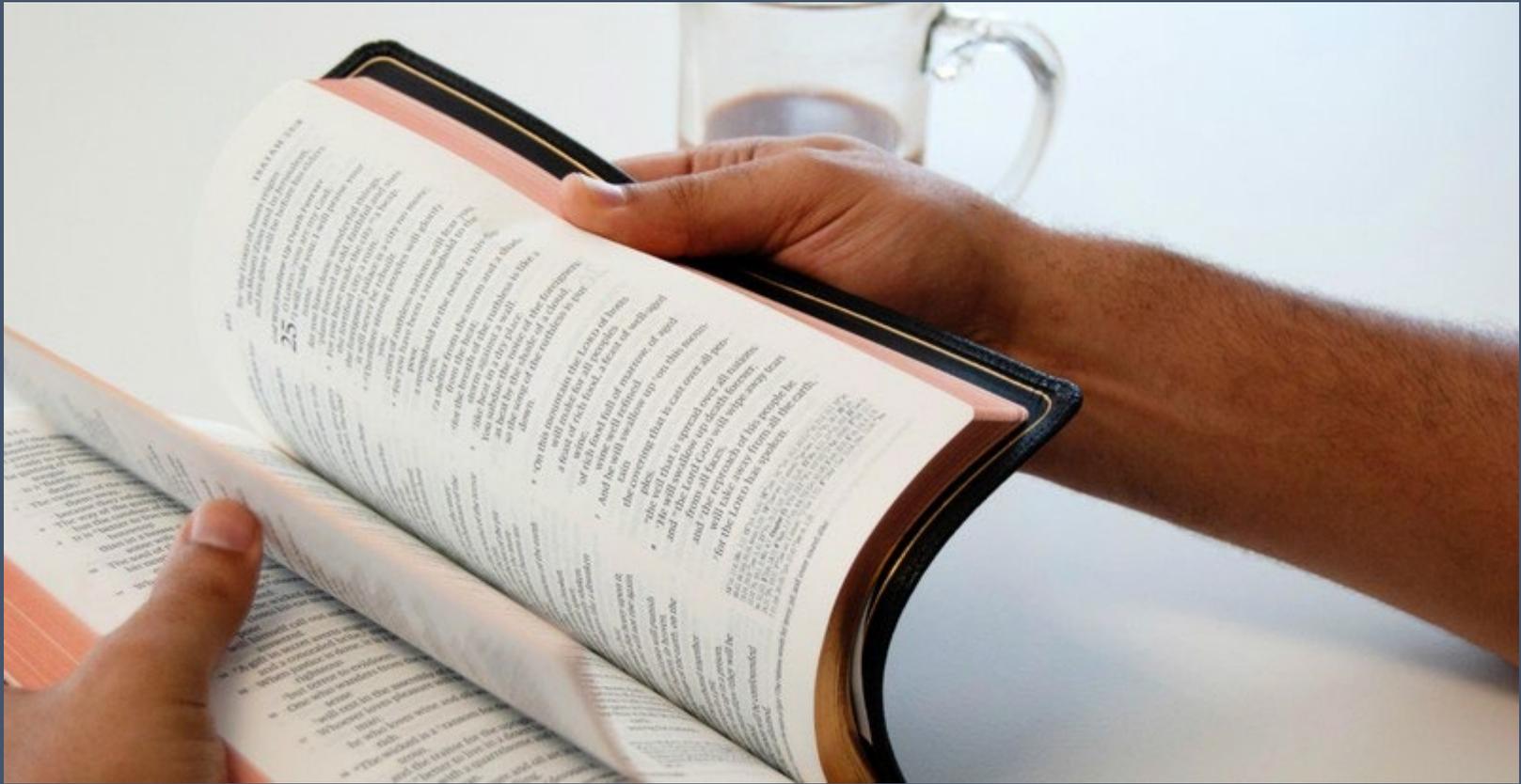
What is this secret wisdom?



Please turn to:  
Colossians 1: 26-28a

## Colossians 1: 26-28a (ESV)

*the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim*



Please turn to:  
1 Timothy 3: 16

# 1 Timothy 3: 16 (NLT)

Without question, **this is the great mystery of our faith:**

*Christ was revealed in a human body and vindicated by the Spirit.*

*He was seen by angels and announced to the nations.*

*He was believed in throughout the world and taken to heaven in glory.*

# 1 Corinthians 2: 8 (ESV)

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*None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

1 Corinthians 2: 9 (ESV)

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*But, as it is written,*

*“What no eye has seen, nor  
ear heard,  
nor the heart of man  
imagined,  
what God has prepared for  
those who love him”*

Question?

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So how do the spiritually  
blind see?

# 1 Corinthians 2: 10 (ESV)

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*these things God has  
revealed to us through  
the Spirit. For the Spirit  
searches everything, even  
the depths of God.*

Question?

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Does this explain why what  
is going on in the world is  
so confusing to us?

Question?

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Does this also explain why Paul's statement about only preaching Christ and Him crucified?

# 1 Corinthians 2: 11 (ESV)

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*For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.*

Question?

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What does this tell us about  
the Holy Spirit?

# 1 Corinthians 2: 12 (ESV)

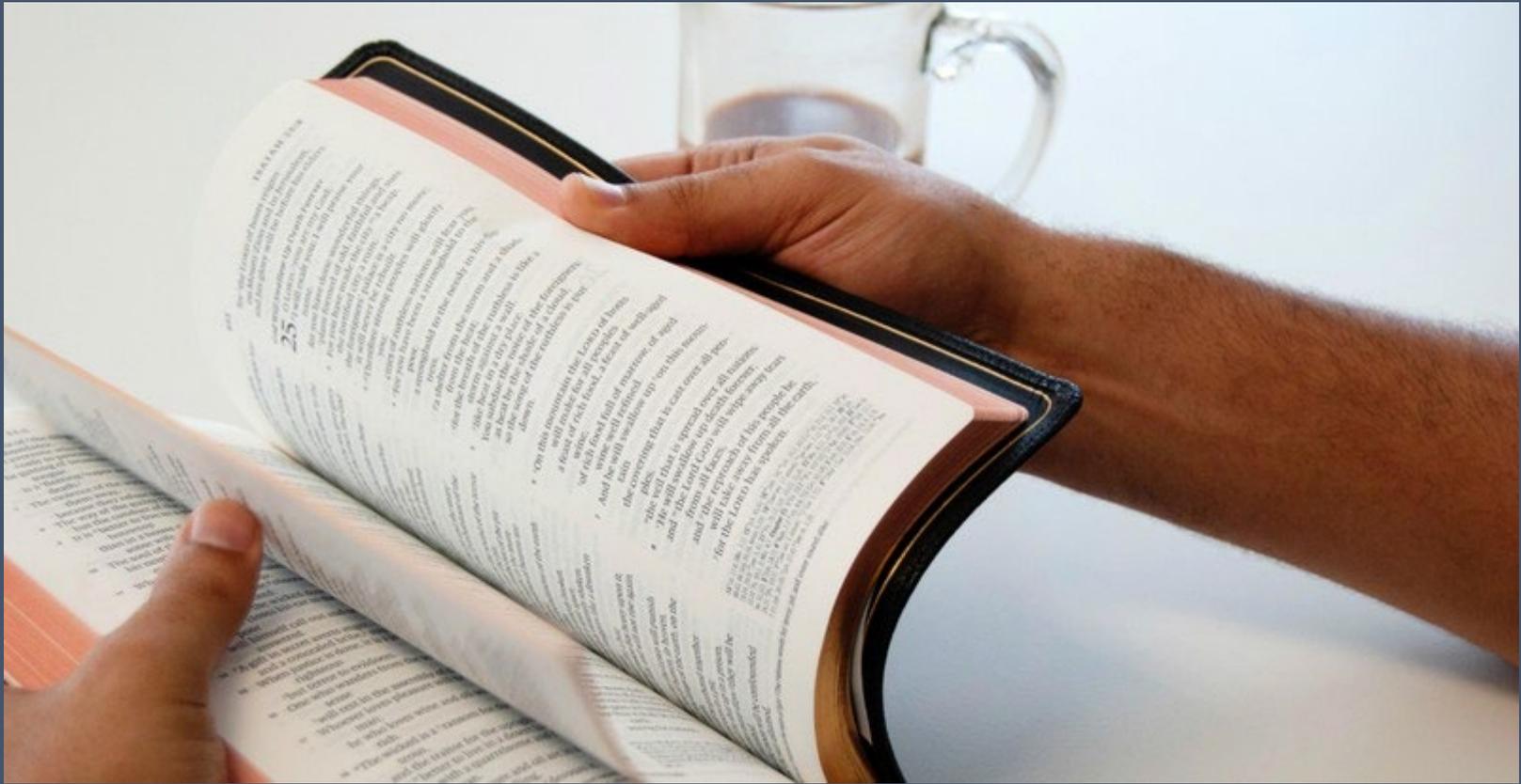
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*Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.*

Question?

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What does the spirit of the  
world do?



Please turn to:  
Ephesians 4: 17-19

# Ephesians 4: 17-19 (NLT)

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*With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, **for they are hopelessly confused.***

# Ephesians 4: 17-19 (NLT)

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*Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.*

# Ephesians 4: 17-19 (NLT)

*They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.*

Question?

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What does the Holy Spirit  
do?

# 1 Corinthians 2: 12 (ESV)

*Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.*

# Question?

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Which would you rather listen to, the spirit of the world or the Spirit from God?

# 1 Corinthians 2: 13 (ESV)

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*And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.*

# Question?

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What is the difference between being taught by human wisdom versus taught by the Spirit?



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Question?

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Why does the world have  
such difficulty  
understanding the Truth?

# 1 Corinthians 2: 14 (ESV)

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*The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.*

Question?

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What can we learn from  
this?